

OLC #77-2644

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Ms. Lee Israel

Dear Ms. Israel:

Please excuse the long delay in answering your request. It was caused entirely by the flood of similar requests which has descended upon the Agency. We have tried to answer each of the requests as quickly and equitably as possible, but an unfortunate backlog developed nevertheless.

We have completed searching our files in response to your request and have identified a number of documents pertaining to Dorothy Kilgallen. I am enclosing copies of 19 of them for your retention. The first three, sent in their entirety, are:

1. Biographic Data Form, dated 16 December 1953.
2. Case Processing Record, dated 6 December 1953.
3. Name Check Transmittal, dated 10 December 1953.

You will note in the remaining 16 items certain portions have been deleted. I am listing the items below, and alongside each is the appropriate exemption from the Freedom of Information Act which explains why the deletion had to be made. An explanation of the exemptions follows later in this letter.

<u>Documents</u>	<u>FOIA Exemptions</u>
4. Memorandum, dated 18 December 1953.	(b) (3)
5. Memorandum, dated 21 December 1953.	(b) (3)
6. Name Check Report, dated 3 February 1954, with attached Passport file review, dated 27 January 1954.	(b) (3)

7. Interoffice memorandum, dated 18 February 1954. (b) (3)
8. Memorandum, dated 8 December 1953. (b) (1), (b) (3)
9. Memorandum, dated 27 February 1954. (b) (1), (b) (2), (b) (3), (b) (6)
10. Biographic Data Form, dated 16 December 1953. (Retyped for clarity.) (b) (1), (b) (2)
11. Memorandum, dated 27 February 1957. (b) (1), (b) (3), (b) (6)
12. Memorandum, dated 13 March 1951. (b) (1), (b) (2), (b) (3)
13. Memorandum, dated 4 April 1951. (b) (1), (b) (2), (b) (3)
14. Memorandum, dated 28 December 1953. (b) (3), (b) (6)
15. Report, dated 13 March 1951. (b) (3), (b) (6)
16. Report, dated 21 March 1951. (b) (3), (b) (6)
17. Report, dated 4 April 1951. (b) (3), (b) (6)
18. Memorandum, dated 9 May 1951. (b) (1), (b) (2), (b) (3)
19. Memorandum, dated 12 April 1951. (b) (1), (b) (2), (b) (3)

There were also several documents which could not be released, even with deletions. I am listing them below, and alongside each is the number of the appropriate exemption from the Act which gives the reason why the item could not be released.

- | <u>Documents</u>   | <u>FOIA Exemptions</u> |
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| 20. Investigative report concerning another individual, dated 3 August 1943. | (b) (7) (C) (D) (E)    |

21. Memorandum, dated 28 December 1953. (b)(3), (b)(6)
22. Investigative report concerning another subject, dated 20 February 1959. (b)(7)(C)(D)(E)
23. Letter, dated 3 January 1957. (b)(3), (b)(6)

The applicability of the Freedom of Information Act subsections cited earlier is explained as follows:

(b)(1) applies to material which is properly classified pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order 11652, and is exempt under Section 5(B) of the same Order;

(b)(2) applies to information which pertains solely to the internal rules and practices of the Agency;

(b)(3) applies to the Director's statutory obligations to protect from disclosure intelligence sources and methods, as well as the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency, in accord with the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949, respectively;

(b)(6) applies to information release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of other individuals; and,

(b)(7) applies to investigatory records, release of which could (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of others, (D) disclose the identity of a confidential source, or (E) disclose investigative techniques and procedures.

The CIA official responsible for the actions on items 4-7, 12-14, and 20-22 was [redacted] Chief of the Information Review Group of our Office of Security; the official responsible for the actions on items 8-11, 15-19, and 23 was [redacted] DDO Information Review Officer.

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Our Public Affairs Office also has a file of various press clippings from Miss Kilgallen's old columns. I presume that you have access to a much larger collection of these than the half dozen or so we still have left, so I have not included them in this letter.

There still remains the question in your mind, Ms. Israel, I am sure, as to why there would be any documents relating to

Miss Kilgallen in our files at all. As you can see from the attached documents, various people in the Agency were interested in talking to Miss Kilgallen in 1951 (items 12, 14-18) and again in 1953 (items 8 and 9) because of certain subjects she mentioned in her column. However, before we can make any such contact with any American expert, it is necessary to make certain security checks on the person -- not to pry into his private affairs, but to insure in advance as best we can that our interests are not somehow made known to possibly unfriendly foreign officials. Most of the remainder of the enclosed documents are the paperwork associated with such a security check.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act you have the right to appeal the actions on items 4 through 23 to the CIA Information Review Committee. If you choose to do so, please write me, stating in full the basis of your appeal.

Thank you very much for your patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Gene F. Wilson  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Enclosures

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